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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) has released its report on Economic Outlook for 2007-08;
- (b) if so, salient features thereof including information regarding unemployment;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted by ASSOCHAM in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the problem of unemployment is under control; and
- (f) if so, the data regarding the present status of unemployment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Report by Economic Advisory Council (EAC), has analysed the results of Employment & Unemployment Surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation, and it states that an emerging challenge is improving productivity of employment in the informal sector and in agriculture so that there is a significant improvement in the quality of employment. No policy prescription for control of unemployment has been made in the Section on Employment in the said Report.

(c)& (d): Information provided by ASSOCHAM states that the public sector has been hiring women more aggressively than the private sector.

(e)& (f): The rate of unemployment increased from 7.3 per cent in 1999-2000 to 8.3 per cent in 2004-05.